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## TAKING TESTIMONY.

The Coal Strike Commission Sitting As a Court.

There Are No Less Than 30 Attorneys, 24 of Whom Are Looking After the Interests of the Mine Owners.

Seranton, Pa., Nov. 15.—The anthracite coal strike commission appointed by President Roosevelt to arbitrate the differences existing between the mine owners and their employees, Friday began the hearing of testimony by which it will determine whether or not the workmen are receiving fair and just wages for their labor and whether their conditions should not be improved. The star witness for the mine owners, President Mitchell, took the stand in the forenoon and when the commission adjourned at 4 o'clock in the afternoon he was still under the fire of cross examination by David W. Wilcox, general counsel of the Delaware & Hudson Co. It was a trying day for the miners' leader, but he seemed to stand the test well. The heaviest fire of cross questions was aimed at him late in the afternoon session and when the hour of adjournment was reached Mr. Wilcox was still propounding questions and testing Mr. Mitchell's memory.

The opening of the sessions was a notable day in the annals of the law in the upper anthracite regions. Such an array of lawyers has never been seen in this part of the state, and it is doubtful whether attorneys have ever been so numerous on one side of a case in this state as were present in the interests of coal companies Friday. The commission's sessions are being held in the room of the Pennsylvania supreme court, which is now sitting in Philadelphia. Ranked around three tables in front of the seven commissioners who occupied Judge's bench, were no less than 30 lawyers, 24 of whom were looking after the interests of the mine owners.

In addition to these there was a large number of members of the bar present who came to merely look on. The court room at both sections was packed almost to suffocation, and scores of persons were unable to gain admittance.

Grouped about Mr. Mitchell were District Presidents Nichols, Duffy and Fahy, the three district secretaries, the three national board members and the members of the three district legislative boards of the anthracite field. Scattered through the spectators were many practical miners who will be called upon to take the stand in behalf of the miners.

During the day Attorney Wilcox asked Mr. Mitchell many questions as to the policies of the union, the method of calling strikes, the ability of the union to maintain discipline and prevent the members of the union from violating the law, and also as to the liability of the union breaking contracts. It was apparent to many of those present, who understood the situation, that Mr. Wilcox's object was to attempt to prove by Mr. Mitchell's own testimony that the contention of the companies that the miners' union was an irresponsible organization was well founded, and that trade agreements therefore could not be safely entered into with the union.

During the hearing the statements were brought out for the first time since the late strike was begun that the union had disbursed \$1,500,000 among the union and non-union men who were on strike.

## MRS. MCKINLEY'S MINE.

The First Carload of Zinc Ore Ever Mined in Illinois Shipped.

Metropolis, Ill., Nov. 15.—The Empire lead lands an spahr mines on the Illinois Central railway in Pope county have just shipped the first carload of zinc ore ever mined in Illinois. This mine is on land owned by Mrs. William McKinley, widow of the president, and was operated by the Saxtons for several years after the civil war for spar and lead. But so much carbonate of zinc ore was found that the mines were finally abandoned, the value of the brown colored ore not being known. Recently operations were resumed by an Ohio man.

## Believe They Were Drowned.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Nov. 15.—Two weeks ago James A. Waters and Miss Kitty McLaughlin, both of this city, went driving and as they did not return it was supposed they had eloped. Friday, however, the horse and wagon they used was found in the Hudson river near and it is now believed the young couple were drowned. The theory is that the horse ran away and dashed into the river.

## Snow Fell in Kansas.

Topeka, Kan., Nov. 15.—From 1 to 2 inches of snow fell Friday in Northwestern Kansas, along the line of the Rock Island system. It melted nearly as fast as it fell.

## Wages Increased.

Montreal, Ont., Nov. 15.—Grand trunk firemen and engineers have been granted 15 to 25 per cent. increase in wages as the result of an eight weeks' conference with W. D. Robb, superintendent of motive power.

## Ridge of a Mountain on Fire.

Harper's Ferry, W. Va., Nov. 15.—Maryland Heights is afire from the ridge of the mountain to their foot for a distance of five miles, with a southwesterly breeze carrying it rapidly northward.

## FOREIGN POSTAGE.

Radical Reduction in the Rates to Be Urged Upon Congress.

Washington, Nov. 15.—A radical reduction of the postage rates of mail to the leading commercial nations of Europe will be urged on congress at this session by Postmaster General Payne. It is confidently expected that in case the project is carried through to successful execution our foreign trade will be greatly stimulated. It is believed that the nations who are to be approached with a view to bettering their postal relations will readily give their acquiescence.

The plan will be proposed in Mr. Payne's annual report. The present rate is five cents per half ounce or letters to foreign countries, save Canada and Mexico, between which and this country the same postage rates are applied as are imposed on mail within this country. It is proposed to put the governments of England, Germany and France on the same footing. In view of the greatly increased volume of postal business and the number of commercial transactions between this country and Europe the foreign rate is held to be entirely disproportionate to the domestic rate and serve as a detriment to the business interests of the country. Mr. Payne believes a reduction in postal rates not only would prove a great benefit to the business interests of the country, but result in sufficiently large business to make up in the end for the loss of revenue.

This has been the experience of the United States in the reciprocal arrangements made with the two countries on our northern and southern borders. The project will have to be carried through by conventions with the other countries mentioned. So soon as the assent of congress is secured, Germany, England and France will be approached and conventions with other countries along the same lines will be left for the future consideration.

## MILLIONAIRE SENTENCED.

Edward Butler Gets Three Years in the Penitentiary.

Columbia, Mo., Nov. 15.—The jury in the case of Edward Butler, "the honest blacksmith," millionaire St. Louis politician and democratic boss charged with attempting to bribe two members of the St. Louis board of health, returned a verdict Friday morning. It was "Guilty," and assessed the punishment at imprisonment in the pen for three years. The defendant's countenance changed only for a moment.

Mrs. Edward Butler and her daughter Edna seemed crushed. The aged helpmeet of Col. Butler bowed her head and her bosom rose and fell, indicative of the intense pain she felt. She left the courtroom soon after the verdict was read. Butler's attorney will ask for a new trial.

## PARLOR MATCHES.

The Sale and Storage of Them to Be Stopped in New York.

New York, Nov. 15.—Fire department officials of this city have decided to stop the sale of parlor matches in Greater New York. They have given warning that after January 1 no permits for the storage or sale of matches (except the sulphur variety) which can not be ignited on other than a prepared surface, will be issued by the bureau of combustibles. This notice is the beginning of an effort to enforce an ordinance adopted some time ago. According to Inspector Murry, of the bureau mentioned, 1,300 fires last year, which cost eight lives, were traced to parlor matches.

## STORM OF RED DUST.

Balls of Flame Fell and Set Fire to Several Buildings in Melbourne.

London, Nov. 15.—According to a dispatch to the Daily Mail from Sydney, N. S. W., an extraordinary red dust storm has been experienced in Victoria and New South Wales. Darkness enshrouded the city of Melbourne at noon and balls of flame fell and set fire to several buildings. The people were thrown into a state of panic as they thought the world was coming to an end. A similar cloud of red dust hung like a pall over the city of Sydney and many inland towns Thursday.

Board Bill Causes Double Tragedy.

Manchester, O., Nov. 15.—In a controversy James A. Martin, 45, single, shot Proprietor M. J. Brittingham, of the Hotel Brit, twice in the back, inflicting probably fatal injuries. Martin was taken to jail, and not being alarmed, shot himself in the head. The trouble is said to have been over a board bill.

## Won the La Turbie Stakes.

Nice, France, Nov. 15.—W. K. Van derbilt, Jr.'s Edna won the La Turbie stakes here Friday. His Quos Ego, ridden by the American jockey Thompson, took third place in the Carabace stakes.

## SPARKS AND FLASHES.

Detroit gets as much of its milk supply by trolley as by railway. More than 60 towns within a radius of 70 miles of Detroit are connected with it by trolley.

France's Society of Dramatic Authors collects for its clients \$850,000 a year. Lightning shuns water, according to the experiments of Prof. Trowbridge, of Harvard, with a voltage of 6,000,000, which gave a spark seven feet long.

## DESTROYED BY FIRE.

Armour & Co.'s Packing Plant Went Up in Smoke.

The Loss Is Partly Covered By \$721,500 Insurance—Six Hundred Men Are Thrown Out of Work By the Fire.

St. Louis City, Mo., Nov. 17.—Armour & Co.'s packing plant, which occupied four acres of the stock yards, and valued at \$500,000, was totally destroyed early Sunday morning by a fire which started on the second floor of the fertilizer building and is thought by Manager Lemon to have been due either to spontaneous combustion or to an imperfect dryer. The loss is partly covered by \$721,500 insurance. Six hundred men are thrown out of employment by the fire.

Within an hour after the fire was discovered by a watchman six streams of water were being thrown upon the fire, which was gutting the fertilizer building, which was 120 by 60 feet and four stories high, but the pressure was inadequate.

The floors and contents of the building burned like chaff. The roof soon fell and the fire burst through into the beef killing house. At the same time the cattle chute ignited, and in five minutes fell with a crash.

Once in the beef killing house the flames began to dance madly. From this house to the oleo building was only a step, and when the oleo started to burn the fire presented a most spectacular appearance. The big beef house, containing 500 carcasses, was the next to take fire, and the whole plant, except the hog house, was a lake of fire. The roar was terrible. The country for miles around was lighted up. Suddenly there was a terrific detonation followed quickly by another, and then another. Twenty-four drums of 100 pounds of ammonia each exploded before the reserve supply in the ammonia cistern was reached. That explosion almost razed the entire plant.

The flames were blown through the fire wall which separated the hog house from the other buildings. Stray fire crept against the wind and through the office building. Not a scrap of paper was saved.

When the last of the ammonia drums was going off a burning chute fell upon a bunch of live hogs and their squeals were added to the appalling chorus.

## THE CHOLERA IN MANILA.

The Spread of the Disease Is Causing Some Alarm.

Manila, Nov. 17.—The number of cholera cases is increasing in this city and the spread of the disease is causing some alarm. There are on an average 30 cases daily. The Funston reserve hospital, the casual camp at Santa Mesa and Rizal prison are now included among the places infected. The disease is spreading in the Marikina valley where the danger of an infection of the water supply is regarded as grave. Should the water supply become infected a general epidemic is considered inevitable.

The cholera reports from the provinces show a decrease in the number of cases.

## AS A REPRISAL.

A Duty of Four Dollars Per 1,000 to Be Placed on Canadian Lumber.

Toronto, Nov. 17.—Canadian lumber men who are in touch with what is going on at Washington and in Canadian government circles, are alarmed over the rumor that a duty of \$4 per 1,000 feet will be levied on Canadian sawed lumber entering the United States. It is said that the measure is intended as a reprisal for the action of the provincial governments of Ontario and Quebec in placing an embargo on the export of pulp wood.

## MASTER MECHANIC KILLED.

Shot By An Unknown Person While in a Private Car.

Conroe, Tex., Nov. 17.—At Winko, a small town east here, Master Mechanic C. W. Tate, of the Gulf Colorado & Santa Fe, was shot to death Sunday morning. He was in the private car of Roadmaster Maxson when the shot was fired through the rear of the car, the bullet striking Mr. Tate in the forehead. His home was at Cleburne, where he leaves a widow and children. On circumstantial evidence Sheriff Anderson has arrested Tom Fyrell, a freight conductor.

## Probable Suicide.

Pecotet, Ida., Nov. 17.—Attorney R. C. Sneed, who last summer made an attempt to kill H. V. Platt, agent for the Oregon Short Line at this place, died here Sunday from the effects of morphine hypodermically injected. Circumstances indicate suicidal intent.

## The Funeral of Liu Kun Y.

Szanghai, Nov. 17.—The funeral of Liu Kun Y, the famous viceroy of Nankin, which took place at Nankin, was the occasion for unprecedented demonstrations of respect on the part of the foreign representatives in that city.

## Switchmen's Wages Raised.

Cleveland, O., Nov. 17.—The Lake Shore road posted notices Monday announcing an advance of ten per cent. in the wages of switchmen along the entire system. It will affect about 1,400 men.

## THE AMERICAN ARMY.

Annual Report of Inspector General Breckinridge.

Washington, Nov. 17.—The annual report of Gen. J. C. Breckinridge, inspector general of the army, is a voluminous document and covers every phase of the military establishment and each department bureau and command in the army. There is more than fifty recommendations and suggestions relating to improvements in the army, most of which pertain to technical matters and minor conditions. Much of the report necessarily has been covered in the reports of bureau chiefs and commanding officers. General Breckinridge finds much to commend in all branches of the service and reports progress and improvements everywhere.

The most serious criticism is in regard to absenteeism where officers are on detached duty leaving the regiments short of officers. Thus, in the Philippines especially, it is found that many companies are without captains, and the companies in command of new and untried officers. He attributes this to lack of officers in the army to fill the details and detached assignments. Gen. Breckinridge shows that in instruction in the army is progressing satisfactorily. He recommends the fortification of Pearl Harbor, in the Hawaiian Islands, as a strategic point. He says water transportation in the army is rapidly assuming stable and economical methods.

He has the following to say regarding his inspection in the Philippines: "During my tour in the Philippines it was evident on all sides that the army, as a whole, was laboring patiently and faithfully to solve the many vexing problems continually presented to it. The difficulties encountered and the hardships endured never can be fully appreciated by any one who has not been on the ground and observed the daily life of officers and men, miles away from home, influences and associations, living in communities either openly or secretly hostile, depending almost entirely for their subsistence upon the commissary—where one is almost afraid to take even an ordinary drink of water without ascertaining first whether it has been cooked."

## SHIPWRECKED CREW.

Hardships of the Survivors of the Steamer Ellingmire Disaster.

London, Nov. 17.—The Daily Mail's correspondent at Wellington, New Zealand, telegraphs that the eight survivors from the wreck of the British steamer Ellingmire, who were rescued on a raft by the British survey steamer Penguin, went through a dreadful experience. The raft from which they were taken measured only 12 feet long by seven feet wide, and had 16 persons on board was two apples. The first apple was consumed on Tuesday and the second on Wednesday, each being divided into 16 portions. From Sunday, the day they were wrecked, until Thursday, when they were rescued the survivors drifted 60 miles on the half-submerged raft. Several attempts were made to land on the Three Kings Islands, but without success. Three men died on Monday night from drinking salt water. All of the survivors suffered the tortures of thirst, and four other men and the stewardess died of exhaustion before they were picked up by the Penguin. They had a cruel disappointment on Tuesday night. A steamer was sighted in the distance and frantic shouts were raised by those on the raft to attract attention. The steamer lowered a boat which passed within 50 yards of them, but the boat's crew apparently did not see the raft and returned to their vessel. When the Penguin was sighted only one of the survivors was able to stand, and all were terribly emaciated.

## THE NATIONAL GRANGE.

The Establishment of Rural Loan and Trust Companies Advocated.

Lansing, Mich., Nov. 17.—Impressive exercises were held by the National Grange in Representative hall Sunday in memory of the members of that body who have died in the past year. Aaron Jones, master of the grange at Sunday's session, severely criticized what he termed the most gigantic of all monopolies, the proposed bankers' trust. He advocated the establishing of rural loan and trust companies, the growth of which in Indiana, he says, has been phenomenal in the last two years.

## BATTLE OF FORT WASHINGTON.

Services Held in New York Commemorative of the Event.

New York, Nov. 17.—In "The Little Church at the Old Fort," officially known as the "Holy Road Protestant Episcopal Church," which is situated on the site of the battle of Fort Washington, services were held Sunday commemorative of the battle. Among the societies represented at the services were the Empire State Society, Sons of the American Revolution, the Mary Washington Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution and the American Scenic and Historic Preservation society. Various revolutionary relics, dug up in the vicinity, were displayed in the chapter room of the church.

## A \$100,000 Fire in New York.

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## Most Northern Railroad.

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New York, Nov. 17.—Dread of being summoned to answer a charge of roughly treating one of the children of her class is supposed to have been the cause of the suicide of Miss Celia Ettleson, a public school teacher, Sunday.

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Washington, Nov. 17.—Secretary Wilson is confined to his home by a severe neuralgic cold which has developed since the recent political campaign in which the secretary took an active part.

## SHOT AT KING LEOPOLD

Attempt to Assassinate the Ruler of Belgium.

The Would-Be Assassin Is An Italian Anarchist Named Gennerio Rubino, Who Was Arrested.—The King Was Not Injured.

Brussels, Nov. 17.—An anarchist, named Rubino, made an attempt to assassinate Leopold, king of Belgium. He is an Italian, and made the attempt while the king was proceeding to the cathedral to attend a requiem in memory of the late Queen Marie Henrietta. No one was hurt.

Rubino stood in front of the bank of Brussels, on the Rue Royale. The other chambers in the revolver proved to be blank. The man was immediately arrested, and the police had some difficulty in rescuing him from the hands of the crowd. That Rubino intended to assassinate King Leopold seemed fully established Saturday evening by the prisoner's confession to the police. The latter at first denied all the reports to the effect that the revolver contained ball cartridges, or that Rubino was connected with anarchism. But they finally admitted that the prisoner had confessed that he intended to shoot King Leopold, and that he had anarchistic beliefs.

According to some reports Rubino, in the course of his examination before the magistrate, declared that he selected King Leopold for his attack, on account of his majesty's inhuman conduct towards his daughter, Princess Stephanie, at the time of her mother's death, and he also wished to show to the anarchists in London who doubted his loyalty that while they only talked, he acted. He would have killed King Edward, he added, but for the strong feeling of the English people in favor of the monarch. The ministry of the interior has established the identity of the assailant of King Leopold. His name is Gennerio Rubino and he is described in his records as an advanced socialist. He was condemned to a long term of imprisonment for stealing at Milan in 1893, but he effected his escape to England, where he is supposed to have imbibed his anarchistic principles. It appears that Rubino has a brother who is also an anarchist. His father fought with distinction in the Italian war for independence.

Washington, Nov. 17.—Secretary Hay called at the Belgian legation Sunday to express to the officials there the regret over the attempt on the life of the king of Belgium Saturday and to extend the congratulations of the people of this country over the king's escape from harm.

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## FROM ALL OVER THE STATE.

HANGED TO A TREE.

Harlan Buckles, Sentenced to Life Imprisonment, Lynched.

Elizabethtown, Ky., Nov. 17.—Harlan Buckles, who was Saturday sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of Robt. L. Reid, was hanged by a mob shortly after 2 o'clock Sunday morning. The mob consisted of from 50 to 75 men, some of whom are supposed to have come from Larue county. On account of their number they had little difficulty in getting Buckles from the jail. He was taken to the court house yard and hanged to a tree, after which the mob dispersed. Reid was deputy marshal here at the time he was killed.

## J. M. McKnight Sentenced.

The Ex-Banker Gets Six Years in the Penitentiary.

Louisville, Ky., Nov. 14.—J. M. McKnight, former president of the German national bank, who was found guilty in the federal court of misappropriating funds of that institution, which was closed in 1896, was sentenced to six years in the penitentiary on both counts by Judge Evans Thursday. The terms are concurrent, however, and his full time will be six years. This is the fourth sentence that has been passed on McKnight. The others were seven, five and six years.

## OWENSBORO WATER WORKS.

The City Is Empowered By the Court to Issue Bonds For Its Erection.

Owensboro, Ky., Nov. 14.—Judge Owen handed down an important opinion Thursday in the case of Z. T. Robinson et al., in which they sought to enjoin the city from issuing \$200,000 of bonds to erect a new water works plant. Judge Owen held that the city ordinance giving the population at 15,000 in June, 1900, when the census of the city was taken, was conclusive, and held that the city was empowered to issue the bonds.

## Brilliant Meteor at Lexington.

Lexington, Ky., Nov. 17.—A meteor of great brilliancy fell here at 6:43 o'clock Saturday evening. The weather bureau reports that it was consumed at an altitude of 300 yards when over the southwestern part of the city. The light produced was intense for several seconds, and considerable excitement was caused.

## A Girl Heroine.

Middlesboro, Ky., Nov. 15.—The home of Brand Whitley, an aged farmer, some distance from Hegan, Va., was destroyed by a forest fire raging on the Kentucky Virginia border. He was ill at the time, and would have been burned to death but for Mary Staples, about 14, who rushed in and carried the old man to safety.

## Poor Hunting Season.

Covington, Ky., Nov. 15.—Hunters who left at the opening of the present quail and rabbit season last Monday for various hunting fields are beginning to return in disgust, with few birds and cotton-tails. The continued warm, dry weather has thus far made this the poorest hunting season in years.

## The Railroad Extension.

Mayking, Ky., Nov. 14.—Surveyors on the new line of railroad, the Sandy Valley & Elkhorn, running from Pikeville via the famous Elkhorn creek coal belt and Mayking and Whitesburg, in this county, have just completed the route and 1,000 hands will be put to work on November 20.

## A Murder Verdict.

Covington, Ky., Nov. 15.—Coroner Tarrin's jury completed its inquest Friday morning on the death of Deputy Sheriff Bodkin. The verdict was that Bodkin "came to his death from a wound in the abdomen made by a pistol ball from a revolver in the hands of Robert Brown."

## Will Take Out Tavern Licenses.

Paducah, Ky., Nov. 14.—Police Judge Sanders decided that L. A. Lagomarsino, proprietor of a saloon and cafe, had not violated the Sunday law by serving intoxicating liquors with meals. It is said that several saloonkeepers who have restaurants attached to their saloons will take out tavern licenses.

## An Oil Gusher.

Barboursville, Ky., Nov. 15.—The Miller well, No. 2, of the Interstate Petroleum Co., came in Thursday night, and the oil gushed to a height of 35 feet. The capacity of the well is 109 barrels a day.

## Death From a Fall.

Paducah, Ky., Nov. 15.—Mrs. S. B. Caldwell, aged 74 years, wife of one of Paduca